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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MOSCOW VISIT

1. MAC TOON MET WITH KORNIYENKO ON MARCH 28 TO DISCUSS
PLANS FOR THE VISIT. KORNIYENKO WAS GENUINELY SURPRISED BY
OUR PROPOSING THE APRIL 23-26 DATES, CLAIMING THAT THE
SOVIET SIDE HAD PROPOSED APRIL 20-21 AND THAT THE US SIDE
HAD NO OBJECTION. KORNIYENKO SAID, AND THIS WAS
OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED SUBSEQUENTLY, THAT OUR PROPOSED
DATES DO NOT SUIT THE SOVIETS BECAUSE OF PREVIOUS
COMMITMENTS.

2. WE HAVE REVIEWED THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE. THERE SEEMS
TO BE TWO POSSIBILITIES.

A. THE SECRETARY COULD LEAVE ON THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 19
AFTER HIS LUNCHEON FOR THE CENTO FOREIGN MINISTERS, ARRIV-
ING IN MOSCOW IN THE MORNING ON APRIL 20. HE COULD REST

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FOR THE MORNING, THEN HAVE TALKS ON THE AFTERNOON OF THE
20TH (THURSDAY), ALL DAY THE 21ST (FRIDAY), AND POSSIBLY
SPILL OVER INTO THE 22ND (SATURDAY), AT WHICH POINT HE
COULD RETURN TO WASHINGTON. UNDER THIS SCENARIO, THE
SECRETARY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SECOND DAY OF THE CENTO

MINISTERIAL (APRIL 20TH) WOULD BE SCRUBBED AS WOULD

HIS MEETING THAT AFTERNOON WITH THE DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER. MY FEELING IS THAT NEITHER OF THESE EVENTS IS ALL THAT IMPORTANT.

B. THE ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO TRY FOR AN APRIL 27-29 MEETING IN MOSCOW. THIS WOULD INVOLVE LEAVING IN THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 25 (TUESDAY), ARRIVING IN THE MORNING OF APRIL 26 (WEDNESDAY), RESTING THAT DAY AND HAVING TALKS ALL DAY APRIL 27 AND 28 (THURSDAY AND FRIDAY) AND PERHAPS PART OF APRIL 29 (SATURDAY). AGAIN, THE RETURN TO WASHINGTON WOULD BE THAT AFTERNOON. THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE FOR THAT PERIOD IS FAIRLY OPEN, EXCEPT FOR THE SPECIAL SPRING DINNER OF THE FINE ARTS COMMITTEE ON FRIDAY, APRIL 28.

3. PLEASE LET US HAVE THE SECRETARY'S VIEWS ASAP SINCE WE NEED TO GET BACK TO THE SOVIETS QUICKLY.
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